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ALLARD PRAISES PASSAGE OF FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION BILL LEGISLATION INCLUDES ALLARD AMENDMENT TO REFORM S. CORP'S

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) said today's passage by the Senate of the Financial Modernization Bill (S. 900) is the most important bill the Senate has passed this year. The bill was approved by the Senate 90-8.

"The passage of the Financial Modernization Bill by the U.S. Senate is one of the most important votes we have taken this year," Allard said. "This legislation will allow America's financial institutions to compete in the new and ever increasingly competitive world economy. It is one of the most important bills Congress has passed this year."

Included in the Financial Modernization Bill was an Allard amendment aimed at helping small businesses and banks. Allard's amendment directs the General Accounting Office (GAO) to conduct a study on reforming the current Subchapter S provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Changing the current Subchapter S rules would assist many small community banks and small businesses who are having difficulty qualifying under the current S corporation rules.

"Including my amendment into the Financial Modernization Bill is a big step toward reforming the current S. Corporation rules," Allard said. "These rules currently are very unfavorable to small businesses and community banks. My hope is the GAO report will put us on the path toward reforming those rules."

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